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SUBJECT: PERLA HEWES

REF: MOGADISCIO 1414 AND 1410; TUNIS 4493 AND 5548

1. MRS. PERLA HEWES, WHO VERY EFFECTIVE IN TUNIS JULY 20 THROUGH 31 AS CU-FUNDED TENNIS COACH (REFTEL 4493), RECENTLY WAS FORCED TO CUT HOSRT HER CU-ASSISTED ACADEMIC YEAR OF COACHING ACTIVITIES IN MOGADISCIO WHEN GOS REFUSED TO RENEW HER VISA. IN RESPONSE EMBASSY MOGADISCIO'S APPEAL FOR HELP OF SEPTEMBER 21, THIS EMBASSY CONTACTED THE TUNISIAN TENNIS FEDERATION AND FOUND OFFICIALS THERE WILL HAVE MRS. HEWES COME TUNIS EVEN ON VERY SHORT ADVANCE NOTICE AND WORK FOR FEDERATION FOR ACADEMIC YEAR. FEDERATION AGREED ASK GOT TO PUT HERE UNDER CONTRACT WHICH WOULD PROVIDE HERE 228 DINARS OR ROUGHLY \$575 MONTHLY. MRS. HEWES AGREED ACCEPT OFFER AND ARRIVED TUNIS OCTOBER 1. SINCE ARRIVAL FEDERATION HAS GONE ALL OUT TRY SPEED CONTRACT THROUGH BUREAUCRACY AND IT EXPECTS FINAL APPROVAL SOON. BUT SOME INDICATION THAT MAY BE AT LEAST SEVERAL WEEKS AFTER GOT APPROVAL CONTRACT BEFORE MRS. HEWES WILL BEGIN RECEIVING FUNDS. MEANTIME, PRESIDENT OF TENNIS FEDERATION OFFERED SET UP SPECIAL LOAN FUNDS FOR MRS. HEWES HELP TIDE HER OVER UNTIL CONTRACT MONEY AVAILABLE. SHE HAS NOT YET BEEN REDUCED TO BORROWING FROM FEDERATION SINCE SHE ABLE EARN LITTLE MONEY GIVING PRIVATE TENNIS LESSONS.

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2. MRS. HEWES ACCOMPANIED TO TUNIS BY MOTHER AND THREE

SCHOOLAGE CHILDREN. UNHEATED APARTMENT SHE FINALLY LOCATED COSTS 100 DINARS PER MONTH (ABOUT \$252 AT TODAY'S REATE). SHE UNABLE PERSUADE AMERICAN SCHOOL TUNIS ALLOW HER COACH BASKETBALL, TENNIS, SOFTBALL AND OTHER SPORTS ON PART-TIME BASIS IN LIEU OF PAYING TUITION OF \$1600 EACH HER THREE CHILDREN. CHILDREN COULD NOT THEREFORE ATTEND AMERICAN SCHOOL. AFTER BEING TURNED DOWN BY SEVERAL OTHER CROWDED TUNISIAN AND FRENCH SCHOOLS, SHE FINALLY SUCCEEDED PLACING THEM IN PRIVATE CATHOLIC SCHOOL LOCATED TUNIS SUBURB OF LA MARSA WHERE HER APARTMENT SITUATED. COST MINIMAL; ABOUT \$435 TOTAL FOR YEAR FOR ALL CHILDREN. BUT WILL ENTAIL CONSIDERABLE ADDITIONAL TRANSPORTATION SINCE APARTMENT FIVE KILOMETERS FROM SCHOOL.

3. MRS. HEWES ADVISES SHE WENT TO MODADISCIO UNDER SPONSORSHIP OF THE DEPARTMENT AND THE AMERICAN SCHOOL, WITH DEPARTMENT PAYING THE ROUNDTRIP TRAVEL FOR MRS. HEWES, HER MOTHER AND THREE CHILDREN.

4. BASED ON HERE EARLIER SUCCESSFUL VISIT IN TUNIS, AND THE ENTHUSIASTIC REQUEST BY THE TENNIS FEDERATION THAT SHE BE BROUGHT HERE AGAIN, THE EMBASSY FEELS SHE WILL BE FINE JOB IF PERSONAL PROBLEMS, WHICH MAINLY FINANCIAL CAN BE REDUCED TO MANAGEABLE SIZE. PRESENTLY, SHE UNDERSTANDABLY UNABLE FOCUS ON WORK FOR TENNIS FEDERATION SINCE SHE MUST GIVE PRIVATE LESSONS AND SEEK TYPING CHORES ORDER EARN MONEY KEEP BODY AND SOUL TOGETHER.

5. EVEN WHEN SHE BEGINS RECEIVING FUNDS UNDER GOT CONTRACT, SHE WILL NOT BE ABLE PROVIDE COMFORTABLE LIVING IN TUNIS FOR HERSELF AND FAMILY ON CONTRACT'S \$575 PER MONTH. SINCE DEPARTMENT REPORTEDLY ALREADY INVESTED CONSIDERABLE SUM TRANSPORTATION HEWES FAMILY, BELIEVE PRUDENCE SUGGESTS LITTLE MORE MONEY BE MADE AVAILABLE SO FUNDS ALREADY INVESTED WILL NOT GO DOWN DRAIN. MRS. HEWES ADVISES SHE WAS PROMISED \$6,500 AND FREE HOUSE FOR WORK WITH AMERICAN SCHOOL IN MOGADISCIO. EMBASSY CALCULATES THAT RENT AND UTILITIES FOR HER PRESENT HOUSE WILL COST ABOUT \$350 MONTHLY, LEAVEING ONLY ABOUT \$225 MONTHLY FOR HER AND FOUR DEPENDENTS TO LIVE ON. ORDER BRING HER UNCLASSIFIED

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ROUGHLY UP TO PAR WITH WHAT SHE WOULD HAVE HAD IN MOGADISCIO, REQUEST DEPARTMENT MAKE AVAILABLE SPECIALIST GRANT OF \$4,000 FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR, WITH PAYMENT TO BEGIN IMMEDIATELY. EMBASSY HOPES THIS CAN BE MADE AVAILABLE OUTSIDE SMALL CU ALLOCATION FOR TUNIS.

6. SINCE HEWES FAMILY LIVING PRACITICALLY FORM HAND-TO-MOUTH UNTIL FUNDS AVAILABLE UNDER TENNIS FEDERATION-

SPONSORED CONTRACT, EMBASSY HOPES DEPARTMENT CAN REACH  
SPEEDY FAVORABLE DECISION ON THIS REQUEST.

7. APPRECIATE RESPONSE BY CABLE.

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